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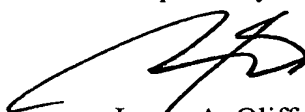
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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- ☒ 3. An English version of the foreign office action is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. Computer-generated English translations of the Japanese Patent Publications for references 2 and 4 have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy.

- ☒ 6. Utility Model reference JP-U Hei 01-119820 listed as document 2 in the foreign office action was forwarded with an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 2, 2001, although with an incorrect publication date of February 14, 1989, as shown in the earlier form PTO-1449. Applicant submits that the correct publication date is August 14, 1989, and that that this reference had been initialed as having been considered by the Examiner on February 20, 2004.

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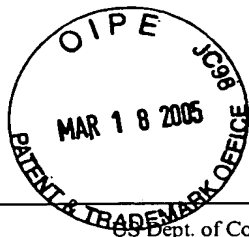
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	2	JP-A Hei10-231722 w/ Abstract & translation	09/02/1998	Japan			
	3	JP-U Hei 02-105521 w/ Abstract	08/22/1990	Japan			
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